



Mayor Mike Pantelides' Monthly Newsletter



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Hello and welcome to my monthly newsletter, updating you on the various initiatives and projects in our great city.

The City of Annapolis is teaming up with Anne Arundel County to conduct its first drive-through flu clinic at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

One thousand free seasonal flu shots will be provided to anyone that shows up on Wednesday, October 21 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The shots will be available on a first come, first served basis. The individual must be at least 6 months old and all individuals younger than 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The County Health Department, the City Office of Emergency Management, the Anne Arundel Medical Center, and numerous other agencies are making it their combined goal to get as many residents as possible vaccinated and avoid flu-related illness. Each year in the United States, thousands of people die from seasonal flu-related complications and approximately 200,000 people are hospitalized from seasonal flu-related causes.

This exercise is also a critical component of our ongoing efforts to test the city's pandemic response plans, specifically our ability to mass inoculate the public during an epidemic of an infectious disease.

This clinic is coordinated by the City of Annapolis Office of Emergency Management, along with the Anne Arundel County Department of Health, and other city and county agencies with support provided by the Anne Arundel Medical Center. Those taking

advantage of the drive-through clinic can receive the flu shot without leaving their vehicles, but there is also an area for neighborhood residents and those using public transportation to walk in and get a flu vaccination. For more information, call [410-216-9167](tel:410-216-9167) or visit www.aahealth.org.

This is just one of several ongoing partnerships between Annapolis and Anne Arundel County that I am proud to be associated with. Other partnerships include private and public organizations and agencies, which I talk about in this week's [guest column in the Capital Newspaper](#).



It has been a busy month for sidewalk and curb restoration in Annapolis. The Department of Public Works started in the Van Buren Neighborhood on Monday, September 14 and completed the project on September 25. This project included Van Buren Street, Van Buren Drive, McKinley Street, Grant Street, Sterling Drive, Sterling Circle, Van Buren Circle and Colony Drive.

Now crews are moving on to Northwest Street, Pleasant Street, and Clay Street, with the project expected to be completed during the first week of October. Meanwhile, the repaving of Hunt Meadows Drive from Riding Ridge Road to Harness Creek Road is also underway. It is expected that this work will take approximately four weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Did you know that every four years the Department of Public Works assesses the condition of all city owned and maintained streets. After the condition assessment is completed, each street segment is assigned a value for “Remaining Service Life”, which indicates how soon the street segment should be resurfaced. Unfortunately, there are always more streets requiring resurfacing than funding available to address them. The three-year paving schedule, listing the streets that have been identified for repair in 2015, 2016, and 2017 can be found at <http://bit.ly/1YL25OD>.

I want to invite you all to a meeting hosted by the Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs to discuss the City's Watershed Improvement Plan. That



meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19 at 7 p.m. at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center, located at 273 Hilltop Lane in Annapolis.

This City of Annapolis Stormwater Management Inventory and Watershed Improvement Plan summarizes the initial evaluation and selection of sites for potential Best Management Practices for continued evaluation. These will help the city to meet the water quality and load reduction requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit and the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).

The primary goal of these tasks is to perform preliminary analyses to identify potential new and retrofit Best Management Practices for further analyses. Based on the field investigation, 52 sites have the potential for stormwater management improvements. Retrofitting of existing Best Management Practices is recommended at 20 sites. An additional 32 sites are being recommended for new stormwater management projects. Residents attending the meeting will be asked to rank these projects regarding priority of implementation.



The Annapolis Recreation and Parks Department was recently celebrated at the White House for their efforts in a healthy lifestyle initiative.

First Lady Michelle Obama was on hand to congratulate the participants of the Let's Move! City, Towns and Counties (LMCTC) initiative, including Annapolis Department of Recreation and Parks Let's Move Coordinator Jennifer Jennings and Ward Three Alderwoman Rhonda Pindell Charles.

Annapolis is part of a growing national movement to build healthier communities that strive to enrich the quality of life for residents by advocating healthy living, nutrition

education, and quality recreational programs. Annapolis runs several programs catering to children's health and physical well-being.

I recently had an opportunity to get a crash course in seamanship and navigation during a visit to the United States Naval Academy. During the visit, I learned about the activities of the Yard Patrol (YP) Squadron.

The event, hosted by Marine Corps Col. Steven Liszewski, commandant of midshipmen, provided me with information about the activities of the YP Squadron and the standard of instruction provided by the Seamanship and Navigation Department (SEANAV).



During the visit, I was able to experience firsthand how ship navigation training is conducted at the academy from the classroom to the simulators and then in the open water aboard YP-708.



I was thoroughly impressed with both the staff and midshipmen. I've lived here my whole life but I've never had the opportunity to drive a destroyer in the simulators or go out on the YPs and see the training firsthand. It was an incredible experience.